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Of Every Description.  
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article of whiskey as can be manufactured.

The former reputation of our Whiskey,  
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shall be sustained in every respect, and  
we promise our customers a genuine and  
unadulterated article of spirits on the most  
reasonable terms. To all individuals we  
would especially recommend our whiskey  
for its fine medicinal qualities—as free  
from "drugs," chemicals and injurious  
compounds.

The Physicians of Warrenton unani-  
mously agree in pronouncing our whiskey  
the PUREST that has been on the market  
since the war, and prescribe it for their  
patients.

We are selling our whiskey, which we  
guarantee to be above proof, and twenty  
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by the case of twenty gallons \$1.75;  
by the five and ten gallon cask \$1.00 a \$2.00.  
Orders solicited and promptly filled.  
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New Jewelry Store.  
THE SUBSCRIBER HAS PER-  
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Having 10 years practical experience in the  
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work at moderate prices, and would respect-  
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Will keep constantly on hand a fine Silver  
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At prices low as can be furnished anywhere,  
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JAMES H. BELL,  
Refer to Capt. Wm. Biggs, J. D. Todd,  
Genl. W. G. Lewis, Wm. Leggett, J. B. Co-  
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Complete sets at \$2.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00,  
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Rods, Hooks, Lines and Baskets.  
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Double and Single Barrel Guns.  
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The Popular and approved kinds.

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Of every description.  
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Will make liberal Cash advances on all  
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Southern Piano  
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MANUFACTURERS OF  
GRAND, SQUARE & UPRIGHT  
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These Instruments have been before the  
Public for thirty years, and upon their excel-  
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eminence, which pronounces them unequalled in  
TONE,  
TOUCH,  
WORKMANSHIP  
AND DURABILITY.

All our SQUARE PIANOS have our  
New Improved Overstrung Scale and the  
AMERICAN PATENT ACTION.

We would call special attention to our  
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Perfection than has yet been attained.

Every Piano fully warranted for  
FIVE YEARS.

We are by special arrangement enabled to  
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He respectfully invites the Public to his  
House, feeling confident of being able to  
make each and every visitor pass a pleasant  
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Stand—On the corner near the old Gregory  
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LIBERAL CASH ADVANCES ON  
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Insurance when placed on Cars or Vessel.  
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Manufacturers and Jobbers of  
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Special Attention paid to Repairing  
Carriages.  
TO THE BUILDING PUBLIC.  
I respectfully announce that I  
am now prepared with a com-  
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contract for and build every  
kind of HOUSE, or anything else in the  
Carpenter's line.

I would also say to the Farmers of the  
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arrangement to construct everything of  
WOOD-WORK  
needed upon a plantation, from a GIN  
SHEW to a HOG BELLY.

Persons intrusting business into my  
hands may be assured that it will be at-  
tended to with the utmost promptness and  
fidelity.

I have in my employ a strong force of  
first class Carpenters, and  
All citizens of the county are respect-  
fully requested to give me a chance before  
entrusting elsewhere.

Apply to me at Tarboro', N. C.  
JOHN C. DANCY, (Gold)  
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FOR BOTH SEXES.  
STRICTLY NON-SECTARIAN.

THE SCHOOL KEPT AS WELL RE-  
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The physical, intellectual and moral nature of  
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MULES.  
FORTY

Head Fine Horses and Mules just arrived at  
Tarboro' and for sale low by

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LIVERY STABLES,  
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HAVE OPENED ON MAIN ST., NEAR THE BRIDGE  
A Family Grocery Store  
where they will always be glad to furnish their  
friends and the public with such Groceries as  
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I am now prepared to supply  
Fish of all kinds  
at the very lowest Cash prices and of the very  
best quality that can be procured in the mar-  
ket. I am ready to take orders for an un-  
limited number.

Cut and Roe Herrings,  
which will be supplied as soon as the season  
opens. Can always be found at "Our House,"  
on Main Street. HENRY F. OAKES,  
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The Tarboro' Southerner.  
Thursday, - April 11, 1872.

The Breach in the Republic-  
can Party.

The subject is but a partial list  
of the more prominent Republican  
leaders who have hailed from the  
main body of their party since it re-  
solved itself into a mere office holding,  
public blundering, rule-or-ruin faction,  
organized solely for the purpose of  
continuing Grant in power and them-  
selves in possession of the spoils of  
office, and of the privilege of plunder-  
ing the people at will. Being made  
out last night, the list is necessarily  
incomplete. In addition to the names  
given, there are scores of local and  
State politicians, of standing and  
influence in their respective "ball-  
rooms," whose names we cannot, on the  
instant, recall.

Horace Greeley, the father and  
founder of the Republican party; Sen-  
ator Carl Schurz, Lyman Trumbull,  
Thomas W. Tipton, Reuben E. Fenton  
and Charles Sumner, the most potent  
of all the New England leaders; Judge  
David Davis, of the Supreme Court  
of the United States; Hon. B. Gratz  
Brown, Governor of Missouri; H. C.  
Wardlaw, Governor of Louisiana;  
Wendell Phillips, the great Abolition  
agitator and leader of radical opinion  
throughout the North; Judge Stanley  
Matthews, of Ohio, and Chief Justice  
Brainerd and some thirty or forty  
prominent Republican politicians of  
the same State—known as Liberals;  
General Stephen G. Burbridge, Gen.  
B. F. Runkle, Judge Warden, and Col.  
Rankin and Johnson, accompanied by  
a number of leading colored Republi-  
cans and Sumnerites, said to repre-  
sent some twenty or thirty thousand  
votes—all, of Kentucky; Gen. Judon  
Kilpatrick, of New Jersey, the cele-  
brated cavalry officer, who is open moun-  
ted in his hostility to Grant; Gen.  
James Longstreet, of Louisiana; Hon.  
Mr. Brooks, of Missouri; and a host  
of others in the same, as well as all the  
other States of the Union.

We should not omit from this list  
the names of the few chief and most  
widely circulated Republican journals  
in the whole Union, namely: The New  
York Tribune, the New York Sun,  
the Chicago Tribune, the Cincinnati  
Commercial and the Springfield (Mass.)  
Republican, with their combined corps  
of able and distinguished editors,  
writers and reporters. The last named  
journal—the Springfield Republican—is  
by all odds the most influential polit-  
ical journal, on this side, in all  
New England. Like all the other great  
Republican newspapers, it opposes the  
re-election of Gen. Grant, Thumping,  
gilt taking, reckless, and indecorous  
Chief Magistrate has forfeited the  
respect, and incurred the vigorous  
opposition of journals and public men,  
without whose aid and support he  
could not have been elected in 1868.

The four ablest and most independent  
Republican journals in existence in 1868  
were the New York Tribune, the Chicago  
Tribune and the Springfield Republican.  
They were all warm adherents of Grant  
for some time after they lost their  
powerful assistance to elevate him to  
an office for which he has since proved  
himself wholly unfit. They can attest  
to oppose him now, because their merit  
as newspapers and their financial suc-  
cess make them independent of admin-  
istration favors, and embolden them  
to speak their real sentiments.

Thus, it will be seen, that President  
Grant—who, it is generally conceded  
to be the greatest failure of the Phila-  
delphia Convention—has a tainted  
many of the most eminent statesmen  
and influential politicians of his party,  
as well as its most important journals.  
Very few of the old trusted Republican  
leaders continue to stand by him.

Charles Francis Adams, Chief Justice  
Chase, Charles Sumner, Lyman Trum-  
bull, David Davis, Carl Schurz, Grant,  
Brown, Horace Greeley, and indeed,  
all the eminent Republican leaders,  
who had the confidence and admira-  
tion of the party ten years ago—  
with the hardly possible exception of  
Wm. H. Seward—deprecate the  
re-election of Grant as a great national  
calamity. Grant's most strenuous  
present supporters are tainted men like  
Cameron, Sickles and Morton. He is  
deserted by nearly all the old Republi-  
can leaders who contributed most to  
found and build up the party. Never  
a Republican himself till he was bribed  
by the hope of the Presidency, and  
deserted since his election by the old  
Republican chiefs, with his military  
prestige worn out and his lack of civil  
capacity shamefully demonstrated,  
there would be none so poor to do  
him reverence if he did not control the  
overgrown enormous patronage of the  
Federal Government—Columbus (Ga)  
Sun.

The negroes, Radicals and Brindle  
tails all ridicule this opposition to Grant  
and will do all they can to break it  
down.

Suicides in France.  
If a Frenchman is a success in any-  
thing he is undoubtedly in suicides.  
He is all the time finding out a new  
way to put himself out. The French  
woman, when tired of this deceitful  
world is content to take her departure  
by means of a pan of charcoal and a  
close room, but the man must have a  
more novel and exciting death. The  
ground has been so thoroughly gone  
over that it is hard now—indeed has  
been hard—to make one a final  
exit without making it exactly as some  
other wretched one has made it before.  
There is a way tried, once, it is true,  
but more novel than any other known  
of suicide. A Frenchman long thought  
of suicide; he was determined upon it  
but how to do it nicely and with effect

was the problem. He solved it. After  
a month or two of exercise he be-  
came a fair gymnast, and promising to  
be most wonderful and unrivaled feat  
was engaged at one of the main theatres.  
The place was thronged, for we mortals  
do so like to see others perish their  
lives for our gratification. While the  
man was on a trapeze high up above  
the heads of the congested thousands,  
he hung down by his knees and holding  
a pistol to his head blew out all the  
brains he had. The thing was a grand  
success. We need hardly add the ex-  
quisite body deceived rapidly to the  
people below, but it is not related that  
it sent any of them after its late  
owner.

A young Swiss in Paris, who had  
lived there long enough to become  
French, has just "ruined," or attempt-  
ed to, a romantic fashion. He was  
a lodger in a furnished house.  
The landlord became bankrupt, the  
furniture was sold, but when the pur-  
chaser came to remove it the Swiss  
broke his door and swore he would  
never leave.—He had become desper-  
ate in love with a woman on the  
same landing of the stairs, whose door  
was immediately opposite his. She was  
old enough to be his mother. He  
could not bring himself to think he  
might never see her again. They sent  
the police, who broke open the door  
and extracted the fellow with his  
baggage. Two hours afterwards  
the janitor had occasion to go up stair,  
and what was his horror to see the corpse  
of the Swiss hanging from the stair  
banisters, and just in front of the  
door where his love lived. Examination  
discovered the rope around his neck  
to be the belt rope of his door.—How  
touching that! The Police Commissioner  
was sent for, who ordered the  
body to be carried to the Morgue. It  
lay on the floor all night. The fol-  
lowing morning the attendant turned  
the cock and let water spray fall on  
the corpse. This is done to keep the  
bodies from putrefaction as long as  
possible. The attendant thought he  
detected a very false made by the  
corpse when the spray first fell. He  
shot off the water, then turned it off  
there was another very false. He ex-  
amined the body and found it to be  
all right. The physician came and  
declared the man to be still alive, but  
in a lethargy superinduced by a con-  
gestion of the brain, which was caused  
by the great tension of the vertebral  
column, which had not been pro-  
perly treated by the hanging. The doctor  
ordered the man to be carried to a  
house. In two hours he recovered  
his senses, after a lethargy of forty-  
eight hours.

Mark Twain as Editor-in-  
Chief.

Mark Twain, in his new volume,  
"Roughing It," gives his experience  
as local editor of the Virginia City  
(Nevada) Daily Enterprise and incident-  
ally credits the "leading writer" of a  
daily journal in a manner as rare as it  
usually is deserved. In the case men-  
tioned, Mark had done his labor as  
local editor. He said:

I wanted variety of some kind. It  
came. Mr. Go down went away for a  
week, and left me the post of chief  
editor. I destroyed me. The first day  
I wrote my leader in the forenoon. The  
second day, I had no subject, and put  
it off till evening, and then copied a  
laboratory editorial out of the Ameri-  
can Cyclopaedia, that steadfast friend of  
the editor all over the land. The fourth  
day, I "foiled around" till midnight,  
and then fell back on the Cyclopaedia  
again. The fifth day, I cudgelled my  
brain till midnight, and then kept the  
press waiting while I penned some bit-  
ter personalities on six different peo-  
ple. The sixth day I labored till far  
into the night and brought forth noth-  
ing. The paper went to press without  
an editorial. The seventh day I re-  
signed. On the eighth, Mr. Goodman  
returned, and found six duels on his  
hands. My personalities had borne  
fruit.

Nobody except he has tried it, knows  
what it is to be an editor. It is easy  
to scribble long rubbish, with the facts  
all before you; it is easy to clip selec-  
tions from other papers; it is easy to  
string out a correspondence from any  
locality; but it is unexpressed hardship  
to write editorial. Subjects are the trou-  
bles—the dry lack of them, I mean.  
Every day it is a drag, drag, drag—  
think and weary and suffer—all the  
world is a dull blank, and yet the  
editorial column must be filled. Only  
a done it is a trouble to write it up;  
but fancy how you would feel if you  
had to pump your brains dry every day  
in the week, fifty-two weeks in the year,  
and then to go on a low spirited simply  
to think of it. The matter that each  
editor of a daily paper in America  
writes in the course of a year would  
fill from four to eight bulky volumes  
like this book. Fancy what a library  
an editor's work would make after  
twenty or thirty years' service. Yet  
people often wonder that Dickens,  
Scott, Bulwer, Dumas &c., have been  
able to produce so many books. If these  
authors had wrought as voluminously  
as newspaper editors do, the result  
would be something to marvel at in-  
deed.

Slow editors can continue this tre-  
mendous labor, this exhausting con-  
sumption of brain-force (for their work  
is creative, and not a mere mechanical  
laying out of fact, like reporting) day  
after day and year after year in in-  
comprehensible. Preachers take two  
months' holiday in midsummer, for they  
find that to produce two sermons a week  
is wearing in the long run. In truth,  
it must be so, and it is so; and there-  
fore, how an editor can take from ten  
to twenty texts and build upon them

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